

## COUNTY OF ONONDAGA



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Via CM/ECF

Hon. Daniel J. Stewart  
United States Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court, Northern District of New York  
445 Broadway  
Albany, New York 12207

Re: *Miller-Harris v. County of Onondaga, et al.*  
United States District Court, Northern District of New York  
Civil Action No. 9:22-cv-01363-TJM-DJS

Dear Judge Stewart:

I represent Onondaga County and the individually-named Onondaga County Sheriff's Deputies in the above-referenced matter. I have conferred with counsel for the plaintiff, Sara Wolkensdorfer and Robert Rickner, regarding the selection of a mediator, and the parties have agreed that former United States Magistrate Judge Randolph Treece is the mediator we would like to retain should mediation continue to be required. However, as I mentioned during our Rule 16 conference, the defendants have no interest in settling this matter. We are taking a "no pay" position in this litigation, and accordingly, we ask that the Court excuse us from participating in mediation in this matter so as to spare the unnecessary expenditure of time and funds on what we believe will not be a fruitful endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration of the foregoing. Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Very truly yours,



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